(b) Review by Government on the working of the Company. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—7115/88 for (a) and (b)].

Report and Accounts (1987-88) of the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy, New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy, New Delhi, for the year 1987-88, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Council. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—7052/88 for (i) and (ii)].

Report and Accounts (1985-86) of the Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation Limited, Ahmedabad and related papers

SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI: Madam, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Seventeenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation Limited, Ahmedabad, for the year 1985-86, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Corporation.

II. Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at I(i) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—7128/88 for I and II]

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Requirement of ratification of the Constitution (Sixty-second Amendment) Bill, 1988, by State Legislatures

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI (Madhya Pradesh): I am grateful to the Chair for having allowed me to separate this particular aspect of the Bill relating to electoral reforms from the debate itself. I am happy also that though the Union Minister is not here, the Minister of State for Law is present when I am making this special mention.

The Law Minister has said that after this Bill is passed by both the Houses of Parliament—I am referring to the Sixty-second Amendment—by the requisite majority, it would have to go to the States for ratification by at least not less than half the total number of States. My submission is that this is a misconceived interpretation of Article 368. As a result of this interpretation, the authority of this House—which in case of Article 326 is absolute—being abridged.

I have before me Article 368 which has two parts. The first part relates to the process how an amendment to the Constitution is to be passed by both Houses. The requisite majority etc. is mentioned therein. Part (2) comprises a proviso which says and I quote:

"Provided that if such amendment seeks to make any change in—

(a) article 54, article 55, article 73, article 162 or article 241, or

(b) Chapter IV of Part V, Chapter V of Part VI, or Chapter I of Part XI, or

(c) any of the Lists in the Seventh Schedule, or

(d) the representation of States in Parliament, or